

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 12

MEETING OF February 26, 2020

ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION topics

- a. AASB Policy 6114.4 - Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies (*Attached*)
- b. Board Committees (*See attached Board Bylaw 9130 and Administrative Regulation*)

BP 6114.4 PANDEMIC/EPIDEMIC EMERGENCIES

Note: This optional policy may be revised or deleted.

The School Board recognizes that a pandemic/epidemic outbreak is a serious threat that stands to affect students, staff, and the community as a whole. With this consideration in mind, the School Board establishes this policy in the event the town/municipality and/or school district is affected by a pandemic/epidemic outbreak. At all times the health, safety and welfare of the students shall be the first priority.

Planning and Coordination

The Superintendent or designee shall designate one or more staff members to serve as a liaison between the school district and local and state health officials. This designee is responsible for connecting with health officials to identify local hazards, determine what crisis plans exist in the school district and community, and to establish procedures to account for student well-being and safety during such a crisis. The designee shall work with local health officials to coordinate their pandemic/epidemic plans with that of the school district.

With fiscal concerns in mind, the district may purchase and store supplies necessary for an epidemic/pandemic outbreak, including but not limited to disinfectant products, face masks, water, examination gloves, and other supplies as recommended by health officials.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures and plans for the transportation of students in the event of an evacuation. Such procedures shall include provisions for students who cannot be transported to home at the time of the evacuation.

Response

In the event anyone within the school is discovered or suspected to have a communicable disease that may result in an epidemic/pandemic, that person may be quarantined pending further medical examination. Parents/guardians and local and state health officials shall be notified immediately.

In conjunction with local and state health officials, the Superintendent or designee shall ascertain whether an evacuation, lockdown, or shelter-in-place needs to be established. As soon as such a decision has been made, the school district shall attempt to notify the parents of all students.

In the event of an evacuation, the Superintendent or designee is charged with determining when the school shall re-open. In the event of a lockdown or shelter-in-place, the Superintendent or designee shall notify all proper authorities and relief agencies to seek their assistance for the duration of the lockdown or shelter-in-place.

Infection Control

Any student or staff member found to be infected with a communicable disease that bears risk of pandemic/epidemic will not be allowed to attend school until medical clearance is provided by that individual's primary care physician or other medical personnel indicating that that person does not bear the risk of transmitting the communicable disease.

Continuance of Education

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan of alternate means of educating students in the event of prolonged school closings and/or extended absences. Such a plan may include providing students with assignments via mail, local access cable television, or the school district's website.

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion)

(cf. 6114 - Crisis Response Plan)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.03.02](#) School Year

[14.30.045](#) (4) Grounds for suspension or denial of admission

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 05.090](#)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), [20 U.S.C. 1232g](#), [45 C.F.R. 99](#)

Added 2/2010

9/92

AASB Policy Reference Manual

BOARD COMMITTEES

The School Board may establish committees of the Board as deemed necessary. The membership of these committees is limited to less than a majority of the whole Board. The Board shall establish written charges for Board committees. When its charges or duties have been completed, the committee shall be dissolved.

The Board may establish standing committees as deemed necessary. Standing committees shall be established, and exist, for an indefinite period of time to fulfill or perform continuous duties or functions, as determined by the Board.

The president may be a member of any committee. The Superintendent or designee may serve as an advisor to any committee at the discretion of the Board.

Committees may actively seek input and participation by parents/guardians, staff, community and students, and may consult with local public boards and agencies.

Committees shall act in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to the Board. No committee action shall be binding on the full Board. The Board as a whole shall have the final consideration in all matters.

Committee meetings are subject to the state open meetings act.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 9330 - Meetings)

(cf. 9321 - Executive Sessions)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

29.20.020 Meeting public

44.62.310 Agency meetings public

44.62.312 State policy regarding meetings

BOARD COMMITTEES (continued)

Standing Committees

The following committees are established as standing committees of the Board:

1. Curriculum Committee
2. Transportation Committee
3. Student Safety Committee
4. Wellness Committee
5. Insurance Committee
6. Native Education Committee.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

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BOARD COMMITTEES

The following guidelines shall govern the appointment and functions of special committees:

1. Appointments to committees shall be made by the president unless otherwise directed by the Board action.
2. Appointments of staff members to advisory committees shall be made upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Public members will be nominated by the president and confirmed by the Board at a regular meeting of the Board.
3. The president, or a Board member designated by the president, shall serve as an ex-officio member of each committee and the Superintendent shall serve as an advisor to each committee unless appointed as a member.
4. Each special committee shall keep a record of its activities at the district office and make regular reports to the Board.

Each committee shall be clearly instructed as to:

1. The length of time the committee shall function.
2. The service the Board wishes the committee to render, including the extent and limitation of its authority.
3. The resources the Board will provide, and the date(s) on which the Board expects to receive report(s).

The committee shall automatically be dissolved at the conclusion of its assigned functions, and the Board shall reserve the right to dissolve, reconstitute, or reassign the duties of a committee at any time.